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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **FUJITA, NAO et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1713

Serial No.: **09/938,310**

Examiner: D. R. Wilson

Filed: **August 24, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 1067

For: **PURIFICATION WITH OXIDIZING AGENTS OF VINYL POLYMERS OBTAINED
BY ATOM TRANSFER RADICAL POLYMERIZATION**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1713**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 8, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 11, 2003**, extended to **January 11, 2004** by a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: